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Journal
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Proceedings
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Legislature of the
Territory of Louisiana.

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commencing June 3„ 1806.

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Journal of the Proceedings of the Legislature of the Territory of Louisiana begun and held at St. Louis on June 11th 1806 — on which day the same having been previously agreed upon, by the Governor and Judge Meigs, conformably to the following Notes, viz —

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St Louis June 3d. 1806

Gentlemen I will thank you to signify to me when it may be your pleasure to meet me, for the purposes of Territorial Legislation; as a Room has, agreeably to the intimation of Col.o Meigs, been provided - and I hold myself in readiness for this duty, whenever it may suit your convenience.

With great respect I have the
honor to be Gentlemen Yr. most obt. Servt.
Jas Wilkinson

The Honble
Judge Meigs
and
Judge Lucas —

St Louis June 5th 1806

Sir / I have received yours of the 3d instant, in which you observe that you hold yourself in readiness or the Duty of Territorial Legislation whenever it shall it the convenience of myself and Judge Lucas, to whom mmediately exhibited your Letter — The extraordinary and nexpected length of the Session of the Supreme Court has o now prevented me from meeting your wishes on that Subject.

I am ready to meet you and Judge Lucas the purpose of Legislation at any Day after the rising the Court —

I am respectfully
yr. obt. Servt.
R. J. Meigs Jr.

Gov. Wilkinson

Louis June 11th 1806

Gentlemen

This Being the Day agreed on for the meeting of the Legislature, I beg leave to inform you, that I will meet you at 11 o'Clock of this forenoon at the house of Mr. Chouteau, for the purpose of Territorial Legislation. and have the honor to be Gentlemen

Your most Obt Servt.
Jas Wilkinson

The Honble
R. J. Meigs
J B C Lucas —

The Governor and Judge Meigs accordingly attended at the Chamber provided for the Legislature, at 11 o'Clock a. M. But Judge Lucas not attending they ajourned untill to morrow at 9 o'Clock —

Legislative Chamber
St. Louis June 12th 1806

Sir

If any informality has appeared in my Letter
of the 3rd Inst to Judge Meigs and yourself jointly it
was not intended, and to remove any difficulty or obstru
tion to the public Business, which may be ascribed
such cause, I now address you seperately to inform
, that we met this Day, to enter on a course of Legis
ation, but were unable to proceed because of your

absence

and that we [illegible] to [illegible] morrow
Morning —

respectfully I am Sir
Your Most Obt Servt
Jas Wilkinson

The Honble
J. B. C. Lucas

St. Louis June 12th 1806

Sir without being a Stickler about formalities these
are som however that in my Opinion approach too
much the substance to be dispensed with, I think that
holding a Seat in the Legislature of the Territory, not by
a joint right I ought to receive a distinct and seperate
notification such as I have received yesterday from you -
by your other Letter of the same date directed to
Mr Meigs and myself I did Learn that the 11. inst. was
he day agreed on for the meeting of the Legislature, I aver
ir that I was no party to that agreement, and am
privy to
orry to be inform you that after having attended the
uperior Court during allmost five weeks consecutively, other
usineſs have cummulated which prevent me from meeting
u in the Legislature sooner that about the middle of the
xt ensuing week or any time after, I beg leave to
ring to your recollection that since September last untill
beginning of the Last term of the Superior Court I have
mained in a State of readyneſs for Legislation —

respectfully I am Sir
Yr obt Servt
John B. C. Lucas

His Excellency
Governor Wilkinson

St. Louis June 16th 1806

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 12th inst. and beg leave to remark on the contents that my note to you of the 11th was a sacrifice of strict propriety to the public Service, and not the result of any conscious impropriety in addressing Judge Meigs and yourself jointly in your Legislative capacities, as I had been accustomed to do your=self and Judge Easton, without drawing forth any fine spun exceptions —

Your agreement or disagreement to the will of the Majority, respecting the Day for the meeting of the Legislature, was neither necessary nor consequential because your voice could not controul such will - and because it is the Duty of the Governor to convene the Legislature, with or without consulting them, whenever the public weal may require it. —

When you brought to my recollection your constant readiness to Legislate since September last (excepting the late term of the superior court) you should have remembered that the October term had intervened also, and that you stood here without an associate to aid in Legislation from the period of Mr Eastons abandonment, untill the arrival of Col. Meigs —

As you appear disposed to meet after the middle of this Week I will propose Thursday to you for that purpose

And have the Honor to be with high respect Sir yr most Obedt & humble Servt

Jas: Wilkinson

The Honble
Jno. B. C. Lucas.

Thursday June 19th

present his Excell.y the Governor
adjourned untill to morrow Morning 10 Clock

Friday June 20th

Present the Governor
and Judge Lucas adjourned untill to morrow
Morning 10 oClock

Saturday June 21st

Present his Excelly the Governor
adjourned untill Monday Morning 10 oClock

Monday June 23rd

Present his Excell.y Govr Wilkinson
adjourned untill to morrow Morning 6 oClock

Tuesday June 24th

Present his Excelly the Governor
and Judge Lucas —
adjourned untill to morrow Morning 6 oClock

Wednesday June 25th

Present his Excell.y the Governor
Judge Meigs and
Judge Lucas — and being vested with legis
lative Power — the following Persons were nominated
s Clerk of the Legislature, to wit Robert Wescott. Andrew
teele, and Edward Hempstead, whereupon a Debate ensued,
e Legislature adjourned untill to morrow Morning 6 oClock

Thursday June 26th

Present the same Members as Yesterday

The foregoing ~~Bills~~ Law was discussed and agreed to and ordered to be engrossed to wit

a Law respecting the District of Arkansaw

a Law to prevent the discharging of Fire Arms in the Town of St Louis —

was discussed, & the consideration of it postponed untill to Morrow

adjourned untill to Morrow Morning 6 o'Clock

Friday June 27th

Present his Excelly the Gov

& Judge Meigs —

adjourned untill to Morrow Morning 6 o'Clock

Saturday June 28th

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, His Excelly

James Wilkinson Esqr. Governor

The Honble. Return J Meigs Junr.
&
John B. C. Lucas } Esqr. Judges

The Legislature proceeded to the choice of a Clerk when Edward Hempstead was elected by a majority of votes, and then, adjourned.

Monday morning 5 o'clock -

Monday morning June 28th

Present,
The Hon.ble R. J. Meigs Jun.r &
adjourned, till Thursday July 3.d 5 o'clock
in the morning

Thursday July 3.d
Present
His Excellency The Governor,
&
The Hon.ble R. J. Meigs Junr., and
adjourned, till tomorrow morning
5 o'Clk -

Friday July 4th
Present - as Yesterday
The Hon.ble Judge Lucas, unwell, &
adjourned till tomorrow morning 5
o'Clk

Saturday July 5th,
Present, Judge Meigs, & adjourned till Tuesday
morning 6 o'Clock -

Tuesday July – 8.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present, His Excellency &

James Wilkinson Esqr. Governor

Honble Return J. Meigs Junr.
&
John B. C. Lucas Esqr. } Judges

The act entitled "an act for raising district Rates and Levies", was read; and paſsed..

The act entitled "an act to prevent the discharge of Fire Arms in the Town of Saint Louis" was read and paſsed:

The act entitled "an act, creating the Offices of District and Territorial Treasurers" was, read paſsed and signed – when the Legislature adjourned till Tomorrow morning 5 O'Clock –

Wednesday July 9th

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as Yesterday.

The act entitled "an act for regulating Ferries; was read, paſsed, and signed

The act entitled "an act concerning public Roads and Highways" was read paſsed and Signed—

The act entitled "an act to prevent Seed horses from running at large" was read, paſsed, and Signed—

The act entitled "an act concerning Marriages" was read, paſsed, & Signed—

The act entitled "an Act to license, and regulate Taverns" was read, paſsed, and Signed

The act entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled an act establishing and regulating the militia" was read, paſsed & signed

The act entitled "an act concerning prison bounds" was read, paſsed, and signed—

The act entitled "an act to defray the expences of certain Patroles in the Town of Saint Louis" was read, paſsed, and signed

The act entitled "an act concerning the Collections of Bills of costs" was agreed upon &

Paſsed...

The following Resolutions were agreed up ordered to be engroſsed and paſsed and ſigne

Resolved that there be paid to Edward Hempstead out of the Treasury of the Territory the ſum of Sixty Two Dollars as compensation for his ſervices as clerk to the Legislature, and that an order be drawn on the said Treasury for that purpose.

Resolved that there be paid to Joseph F Garnier the ſum of Twenty Dollars as compensation for Room and furniture, furnished for this Seſsion of the Legislature, and that an order be drawn on the said Treasury for that purpose —

Resolved that neceſsary expences of promulgating the ſeveral Laws paſsed during the preſent Seſsion, be paid out of the Territorial Treasury upon the order of the Governor for that purpose —

Resolved that there be paid to Hunt & Hankinson out of the Treasury of the Territory the ſum of Fifteen Dollars and fifty cents in full for their account against the Territory for Stationary furnished to the Legislature, and that an order be drawn on the ſaid Treasury therefor —

Resolved that the Clerk of the Legislature immediately transcribe in a fair and legible hand, as many of the Laws paſsed this Seſsion as the Governor ſhall request and deliver the ſame to the Governor for promulgation —

When the Legislature adjourned ſine die

Ed. Hempstead. Clerk